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FROM THE COORDINATOR OF CUBAN AFFAIRS
TO THE SPECIAL GROUP

SUBJECT: Modification of Revised Schedule of Proposed
Infiltration/Exfiltration Operations Into
Cuba During November 1963

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to present for your consideration and approval a modification of the revised schedule for November 1963 Infiltration/Exfiltration operations which was presented at the 5 November 1963 meeting of the Special Group. This memorandum supersedes all previous schedules of proposed November 1963 operations.

2. The modified schedule for the period is as follows:

OPERATION: 3111

DATE : Earliest possible date in November 1963

PLACE/

PURPOSE : A low-key sabotage operation against a warehouse and pier at Nazabal on the coast of northern Las Villas. This operation will be accomplished by a commando group landing on the pier and destroying the pier and warehouse with demolitions and incendiaries. This operation, if successful, will reduce dockage and storage facilities as part of our continuing long-range program.

OPERATION: 3112

DATE : Earliest possible date in November 1963

PLACE/

PURPOSE : A sabotage operation against a sawmill located at Canete, about 35 miles northwest of Baracoa in northern Oriente Province. A commando team will attack the installation by placing demolitions and incendiaries at critical locations.



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This is a follow-up of Operation 399 which successfully attacked the sawmill at Cayo Guin in northern Oriente on 30 September 1963. If successful, this Operation will further reduce the availability of lumber which is in known short supply.

OPERATION: 3115

DATE : Earliest possible date in November 1963

PLACE/

PURPOSE : The infiltration of a radio operator to provide communications for a ratline which has been established for the reception and movement of agents from Las Villas to Havana. Operation 3106 was to have accomplished this infiltration but the radio operator needed additional training so Operation 3106 was conducted during October as an in/exfiltration of two agents to further establish the ratline and prepare for the later infiltration of the radio operator. The two agents accompanying the radio operator will be exfiltrated after approximately five days.

OPERATION: 3111

DATE : o/a 16 November 1963 *Approved 11/14/63*

PLACE/

PURPOSE : The exfiltration of a previously infiltrated agent. This operation will be accomplished by means of a sea rendezvous four miles off the northern coast of Pinar del Rio. This agent is not witting of CIA involvement in the operation and was infiltrated by non-CIA assets who were furnished material help by the CIA.

OPERATION: 3711

DATE : o/a 18 November 1963 *approved 11/14/63*

PLACE/

PURPOSE : The exfiltration of two members of an existing resistance net in northern Pinar del Rio.

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Approximately 500 lbs. of supplies will also be provided to the net. This operation was originally approved in August 1963 but has been postponed several times because of GOC patrol activity in the area or because of bad weather.

OPERATION: 31110

Approved 11/14/63

DATE : o/a 20 November 1963

PLACE/

PURPOSE : A sea rendezvous approximately 5 miles off the coast of northern Pinar del Rio. Cuban fisherman known to CIA agents will be contacted in an effort to establish a ratline into the Havana area.

OPERATION: 31112

Approved 11/14/63

DATE : o/a 20 November 1963

PLACE/

PURPOSE : An exfiltration operation to be accomplished by members of the MRR using MRR-owned vessels. The CIA will provide financial and material support for this operation which will take place along the coast of Northern Matanzas.

3. The following operations which previously had been proposed for November 1963, have been postponed until a later period.

OPERATION: 3116

PLACE/

PURPOSE : A major sabotage operation directed at the transformers of the Matanzas electric power plant in Matanzas Bay, N. Matanzas Province. A commando team will proceed ashore and attack the installation either by placing demolition charges to destroy the transformers or by direct fire with automatic weapons on the transformers. If successful, this operation

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would drastically reduce the power available in the city of Matanzas as well as placing an added burden on the Havana power plants which are part of the grid.

OPERATION: 3118

PLACE/

PURPOSE : A five-man team, which twice previously had been infiltrated and had to be exfiltrated because of GOC patrol and security activities, will infiltrate again into northern Las Villas, for a period of about five days during which time they will attempt to conduct several acts of internal sabotage (such as blowing up two minor railway bridges near Constancia). They will be exfiltrated upon completion of their mission.

OPERATION: 3107

PLACE/

PURPOSE : The infiltration of supplies to members of a resistance net on the Isle of Pines and the exfiltration of two members of the net. This operation was previously approved for October 1963, but it was postponed due to hostile activity in the area associated with the 21/22 August 1963 fire fight and subsequent loss of personnel of Operation 3105.

OPERATION: 3117

PLACE/

PURPOSE : A UDT operation designed to sink or damage a Kronstadt or other Cuban patrol craft while in anchorage in Ensenada de la Siguanea, Isle of Pines. The attack will be made by swimmer teams using limpets.

4. It is requested that approval be granted for the conduct during November 1963 of the operations outlined in paragraph 2 above.

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